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## **ASIA-PACIFIC HOMELAND SECURITY SUMMIT DRAWS TOP REGIONAL GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS AND SECURITY LEADERS**

HONOLULU – With less than two weeks until the start of the Inaugural Asia-Pacific Homeland Security Summit & Exposition that will be held in Honolulu, Hawai'i, from November 19-21, 2003, organizers announced the participation of several key Asia-Pacific and U.S. leaders.

### **Speakers, Panelists & Attendees**

#### **Government Leaders**

- The Honorable Linda Lingle, Governor, State of Hawai'i
- The Honorable Tom Ridge, Secretary of Homeland Security, U.S. (by live video-link from Washington, DC)
- Admiral Thomas Fargo, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command
- Ambassador Cresencio Arcos, Director of International Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, U.S.
- The Honorable Ralph Boyce, U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia
- The Honorable Marie T. Huhtala, U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia
- Dr. Scott R. Lillibridge, Presidential Advisor for Bioterrorism, U.S.
- Mr. Andrew Maner, Chief of Staff, U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, U.S.
- Mr. R. James Woolsey, former Director, Central Intelligence Agency; Vice President, Booz Allen Hamilton
- Rear Admiral Charles Wurster, Commander, Fourteenth U.S. Coast Guard District
- His Excellency Ong Keng Yong, Secretary General, Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- The Honorable Ji Lin, Advisor on Public Security, Beijing Municipal Government, Beijing Organizing Committee for the 2008 Olympic Games, China
- A high-level delegation from the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Japan
- The Honorable Roilo Golez, National Security Advisor, Philippines
- The Honorable Leandro Mendoza, Secretary, Department of Transportation and Communication, Philippines
- The Honorable Wong Kan Seng, Minister of Home Affairs, Republic of Singapore
- General Winai Phattiyakul, Secretary General, National Security Council, Thailand
- The ASEAN Washington Committee – the Ambassadors to the U.S. from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam

#### **Business Leaders:**

- Mr. Ernest Z. Bower, President, US-ASEAN Business Council
- Mr. Jim Havelka, Vice President for Global Trade Management, Bearing Point, U.S.
- Mr. Steven Kuhr, Senior Vice-President, Kroll
- Mr. Rick Stephens, Vice President for Homeland Security, Boeing Corporation
- Mr. Grant McKinstry, Senior Partner, Supply Chain Maritime, Unisys, U.S.

**Heads of Think Tanks, NGOs & Academic Institutions:**

- Dr. Rohan Gunaratna, Institute of Defense & Strategic Studies, Singapore
- Lieutenant General William Lennox, Superintendent, U.S. Military Academy at West Point
- Dr. Charles E. Morrison, President, East-West Center
- Lieutenant General (Retired) Henry Stackpole, President, Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies
- Dr. Michael Yeoh, CEO and Director General, Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute, Malaysia
- Dr. Richard H. Yang, Chairman, The Chinese Council of Advanced Policy Studies
- Mr. Andrew Nien-Dzu Yang, Secretary General, The Chinese Council of Advanced Policy Studies

The Summit will provide information for government and corporate leaders to develop strategies and methods to meet the new security challenges, such as critical infrastructure protection, promoting secure commerce and trade, defending against weapons of mass destruction and protecting the public's health. The theme of the meeting is *"Homeland Security: Developing Public and Private Sector Solutions for the Asia-Pacific Region."* Panels of particular interest to business and government leaders include:

- An Overview of Asia's National Security Strategies for Combating Terrorism
- Securing the Supply Chain: How to have Shipping and Transportation that are both Secure and Cost Efficient?
- Business and Homeland Insecurities: Risk, Responses & Building the Bottom Line
- Balancing the Need for Security with the Free Movement of People
- Defending Against & Responding to Bioterrorism: Lessons Learned from the SARS Experience
- Making Nations Safer and Meeting the Challenge of Terrorism: The Role of NGOs, Think Tanks and Academic Institutions
- The Long War of the 21st Century: How We Must Fight It

To date, 270 participants have registered for the summit, and the exhibition area is sold out, with more than 30 governments, businesses, and organizations reserving spaces.

The Inaugural Asia Pacific Homeland Security Summit is being jointly organized by the Office of the Governor of Hawai'i; State of Hawai'i Department of Defense; Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism; U.S. Pacific Command, US-ASEAN Business Council; Pacific Basin Economic Council; East-West Center and Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies.

A detailed program schedule, guest speakers and details on all discussion tracks are available at [www.scd.state.hi.us/summit](http://www.scd.state.hi.us/summit).

Media interested in attending the summit should contact Russell Pang at (808) 586-0043 or [russell.pang@hawaii.gov](mailto:russell.pang@hawaii.gov).

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